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To the FCC:

I am writing to you about the Bill to deregulate completely the ownership of media (HR 2005 - ).

Ownership of multiple media outlets in a single area is already having a bad effect on what people hear. There is only one terrestrial radio station in my metropolitan area. There is one major market newspaper in the area. There was a ~~CNN~~ Radio program here at the time the war began Iraq was imminent (March 12-15). There is essentially a (unfettered) issue on the program. It did not use the besting question of the day: whether or not it should be removed from office for being about to make war against ~~the~~ Iraq without a Congressional Declaration of War (against) Iraq. Anyway this program runs it's course, as it does on other stations.

Magazines and newspapers are partly owned by chains; the rest is

complete deregulation of media will make the already bad situation catastrophic.

So, please vote against the Bill. Then institute further anti-trust action to inhibit further the monopoly ownership of media (8 to 1 radio stations per city).

Sincerely,

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